

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Lost Paradise

Other Known Title: Shitsurakuen: Jôbafuku Onna Harakiri

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Masami Akita

Producer/Publisher: Yuri Sunohara

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: Japanese, English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable.

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 31 May 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700618

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Feature:	Lost Paradise	33.44
Total running time:		33.44

Excisions: No Excisions Recommended

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The DVD entitled *Lost Paradise* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD contains a Japanese feature that explicitly depicts a woman's ritual disembowelment presented in a highly sexualised manner. In the absence of any cultural, artistic or social merit, the publication's only purpose for portraying a woman's violent self-mutilation and suicide appears to be entertainment. The availability of the publication is likely to encourage a dispassionate and voyeuristic approach to witnessing women's pain, and to associate it with an arousal response.

This decision interferes with freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However it is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit publications that deal with the infliction of serious physical harm and physical conduct of a degrading, dehumanising and demeaning nature in such a manner - and to such an extent and degree - as to make their availability injurious to the public good.